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SUBJ: ZAMBIA-MOZAMBIQUE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF COOPERATION
MEETING

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS, MEETING BETWEEN MACHEL
AND KAUNDA AT NAMPULA, MOZAMBIQUE MARCH 18-19 WAS IN CONTEXT
OF "PERMANENT COMMISSION OF COOPERATION." TWO PRESIDENTS
REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA AND PROVIDED GUIDLEINES TO THE PERMANENT COMMISSION
WHICH MET AT THE SAME TIME BUT APART FROM THE PRESIDENTS.

2. COMMUNIQUE RELEASED FOLLOWING THE MEETING STRESSED THAT
TWO SIDES WOULD HAVE
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TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
COOPERATION. ACTION MENTIONED AS A STEP TOWARDS INTENSIFIED
COOPERATION WAS A DECISION TO ESTABLISH AN "OPERATIONAL
MECHANISM" AND THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO TOP OFFICIALS TO RUN
THE PERMANENT COMMISSION.

3. COMMENT: BOTH JOSHUA NKOMO AND SAM NUJOMA REPORTEDLY

WERE AT NAMPULA AND CLEARLY THE ORIENTATION AS FAR AS
THE TWO PRINCIPALS WERE CONCERNED WAS SOUTHERN AFRICA.
THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT THE MEETING WAS
ORIGINALLY INTENDED AS A FRONTLINE SUMMIT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND THE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF COOPERATION MEETING WAS
SOMETHING OF AN AFTERTHOUGHT. WE UNDERSTAND THE LIST OF
ZAMBIANS TRAVELING TO NAMPULA WAS EXPANDED AT THE LAST
MINUTE FROM THOSE IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN
PROBLEMS TO INCLUDE OFFICIALS NORMALLY DEALING WITH BILATERAL
ISSUES. NYERERE'S ABSENCE FROM THE MEETINGS WILL INEVITABLY
BE TAKEN BY MANY AS EVIDENCE THAT THE RIFT BETWEEN ZAMBIA
AND TANZANIA CONTINUES. LOW

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